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AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 11, and enter Claims 11-14 and 16-19.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim ~~44~~ ~~40~~ wherein the clamp sets are resiliently urged toward one another, and wherein the movable set is moved to the open position prior to mounting the slide on the holder.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 11 additionally comprising a control member set positioned on the holder outside the channel and wherein the control member set is moved to move the movable clamp set to the open position.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12 wherein the front clamp member set is fixed to the body side portions and the rear clamp member set is movable.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 13 wherein the control member set is moved rearward to move the clamp member set to the open position.

16. (Original) A method according to claim 11 wherein members of each of the front and rear clamp member sets are disposed on opposite sides of the channel, and wherein the mounting of the slide on the holder comprises, when the clamp member sets are in the open position, sliding the slide in an endways direction of the channel between the clamp member sets and into the mounted position.

17. (Original) A method according to claim 16 wherein the holder additionally has two spaced apart guides extending from the body adjacent respective sides of the channel, and wherein the slide is slid into the mounted position along the guides and in which mounted position a trailing end of the slide is positioned between the guides.

18. (Original) A method according to claim 17 wherein during the mounting of the slide

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portions of the slide front and rear surfaces are gripped and the gripped portions used to then slides the slide into the mounted position, which gripped portions are positioned between the guides when the slide is in the mounted position.

19. (Original) A method according to claim 18 additionally comprising removing the slide from the mounted position, the removing comprising gripping portions of the slide front and rear surfaces which are between the guides and using the gripped portions to slide the slide in an endways direction opposite to that during the slide mounting.